

A Declaration and Protestation of
the Lords and Commons in Par-
liament, to this Kingdome, and
to the whole world.

Wherein (amongst diverse of his Majesties late ille-
gall proceedings) is discovered, how severall Com-
missions under the Kings Authority have bin gran-
ted to many profest Papists (herein Nominated) for places
of Command in this War, with power to raise
men and Armies, which in sundry places
they have performed.

Also how Sir John Hinderson, and Colonell Cockram,
were sent to Hamburg and Denmarke, to raise Forces there,
and in other foraigne parts, to bring into this
K I N G D O M E.

With the names of some who have bin proclaimed
Rebels in Ireland, now ingag'd with his
M A J E S T Y.

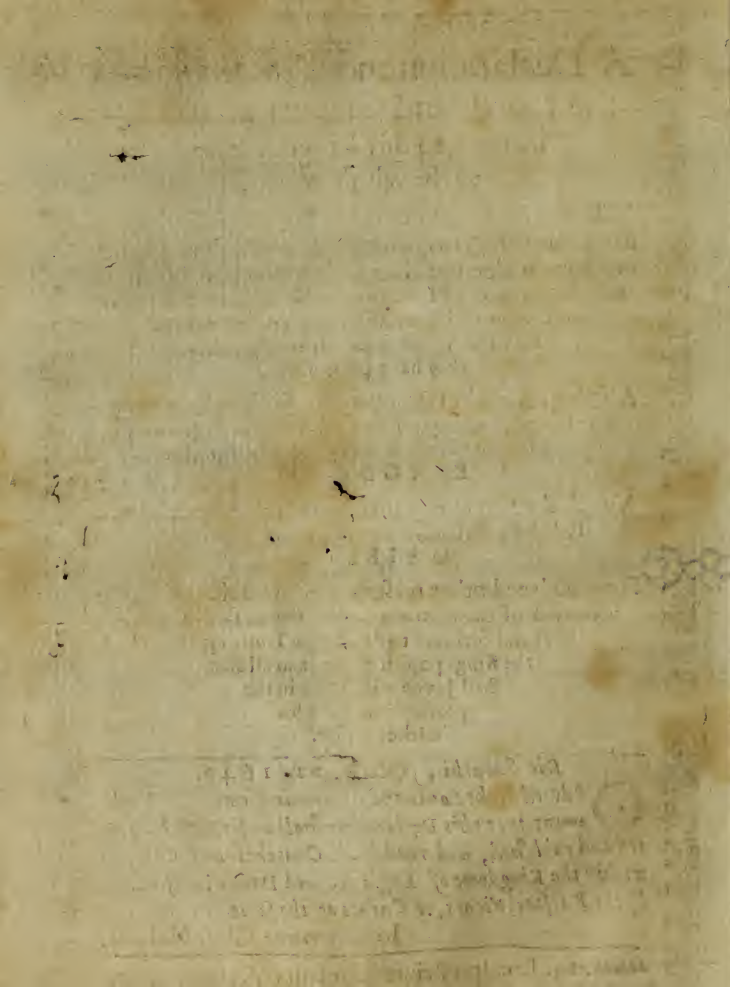
For which and other reasons they are resolved to the
uttermost of their power, with the hazard of their
lives and fortunes to defend the Truth, against
the Kings popish Army, and all that
shall joyne with them in the
prosecution of this
wicked design.

Die Sabathi, Octob. 22. 1642.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parli-
ament, that this Declaration shall be forthwith Prin-
ted and published, and read in all Churches and Chappels
within the Kingdome of England, and Dominion of Wales,
by the Parsons, Vicars, or Curats of the same.

John Browne Cler. Parliam.

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A Declaration and Protestation of the
Lords and Commons Assembled in
P A R L I A M E N T.

VVE the Lords and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, doe in the presence of Almighty God, for the satisfaction of our Consciences, and discharge of that great trust which lyes upon us, make this protestation and Declaration to this Kingdome and Nation, and to the whole world, that no private passion or respect, no evill intention to his Majesties person, no designe to the prejudice of his just honour and authority, engaged us to raise Forces and take up armes against the authors of this War, wherewith the Kingdome is now inflamed.

And we have alwayes desired from our hearts and soules, manifested in our actions and proceedings, and in severall humble Petitions and Remonstrances to his Majesty, professed our loyalty and obedience to his Crown, readinesse & resolution to defend his person, and support his estate with our lives and fortunes to the uttermost of our power.

That we have beene willing to passe by, not onely those Injuries, Ignominies, Slanders, and false Accusations, wherewith we have beene privately oppressed and grieved, but likewise many publike incroachments, and high usurpations, to the prejudice of Religion and Liberty, divers bloody, Trayterous and cruell practises and designs, for the utter ruine and destruction of the Church and State, so as wee might for the time to come have beene secured from that wicked and Malignant party, those pernicious and Trayterous counsells, who have beene the authors and fomentors

of the former mischiefes and present calamities which have and still doe distemper this Church and State.

That for the same purpose, and for the avoyding of blood we directed the Earle of *Essex* Lord Generall by himselfe or others in some safe and honourable way to cause to be delivered an humble Petition, wherein we doe desire nothing from Majesty but that he would returne in peace to his Parliament, and by their faithfull counsell and advice compose the distempers and confusions abounding in his Kingdomes, as he is bound to doe, wee therein professing in the sight of Almighty God, which is the strongest obligation that any christian, and the most solemne publike faith which any such State as a Parliament can give, that we would receive him with all honour, yeeld him all true obedience and subjection, and faithfully endeavour to defend his person and estate from all danger, and to the uttermost of our power to establish to him and to his people, all the the blessings of a glorious and happy Raigne, as it is more largely exprest in that Petition.

For the delivery of which Petition, his Excellency hath twice sent unto the King, humbly desiring a safe conduct for those who should be imployed therein, but his Majesty refused to give any such safe conduct, or to receive this humble and dutifull Petition, by any addresse from the Earle of *Essex*, saying that if Justice had beene done, the Gentleman which brought the second Message could not expect his liberty.

By all which and many other evidences and Inducements, we are fully convinc't in our judgements and beleefe, that the Kings counsells and resolutions are so engaged to the Popish party, for the suppression and excirpation of the true Religion, that all hopes of peace and protection are excluded, and that it is fully intended to give satisfaction to the Papists by alteration of Religion, and to the Cavaliers and
other

other Souldiers, by exposing the wealth of the good subjects, especially of this City of *London*, to be sackt, plundered, and spoyled by them.

That for the better effecting herof, great numbers of *Papists* have in shew conformed themselves to the *Protestant Religion*, by comming to the Church, receiving the Sacrament, and taking the oathes of *Alegiance* and *Supremacy*, which some of their owne *Priests* have encouraged them to doe, by maintaining that they might doe all those things and yet continue good *Catholikes*: Under which cover his Majesty did at first begin to strengthen himselfe, those of that Religion being weake, and unable to indure the envy and discontent which the arming of the *Papists* would procure in the Kingdome, and therefore endeavoured to keepe off all Jealousies and suspicions by many fearefull oathes and imprecations, concerning his purpose of maintaining the *Protestant Religion* and the Lawes of the Kingdome; causing some profest *Papists* to be discharged out of his Army, and none to be received that would not indure the Test of comming to Church, receeiving the Sacrament, and taking the oathes of *Alegiance*.

That his Majesty being now growne stronger, and able as he conceives to make good his owne ends by Armes, his confidence in the *Papists* doth more clearly appeare persons imprisoned for *Priests* and *Iesuits* have bin releared out of the *Ile of Lancaster*, profest *Papists* have bin invited to rise and take up Armes, Commissions under his Majesties Authority have bin granted to many of them for places of command in this war, with power to raise men and great numbers have bin raised by them, and they daily encrease, as namely to *Sir Nicolas Thornton* *Sir Tho. Howard* *Bar.* *Sir Edward Widdington*, *Sir William Kiddell*, *Master Smith*, of *Asb*, *Master George Wray*, *Master Edward Gray*, of *Morpeth Castle*, *Master Lancelot Errington*, of *Denton*, *Master Lancelot*

Holtby, all of *Northumberland*, *Bishopricke of Durham* and *New-Castle*, to *Master Clifton*, *Master William Walton*, *Sir William Gerrard*, *Baronet*, *Sir Cicill Trafford*, *Master Anderson*, of *Lossack* in the County of *Lancaster*, and diverse Forces are raised and paid by the *Earle of Worcester*, and his Son the *Lord Herbert*, & as we are informed by an expresse messenger, sent from those parts, the said *Lord Herbert*, a notorious Papist, is made Generall of all *South-Wales*, and we are further informed out of *Yorkshire*, by diverse persons of great worth and quality, that those that raise Forces in these parts for his Majesty, doe arme and imploy Papists, and use their advice in their consultations, all which is contrary to the solemne Oathes, Protestations and execrations, whereby his Majesty bound himselfe to maintaine the Protestant Religion, and the lawes of the Land, by which he endeavoured to get a confidence in the people of his good intentions, which how well it is answered, wee leave to the world to judge,

That *S. John Hinderson* & *Col. Cockram*, men of ill report both for Religion & honesty, sent to *Hamburg* & *Denmark*, as we are credibly informed to raise Forces there, & to bring them to *New-Castl.* & to ioyn with the *Earle of New-Castl.* & the Army of Papists, which they intend to raise there, & that divers endeavours have bin used in other foraigne parts to bring in strange Forces into the Kingdome, that the King hath received about him diverse Papists of *Ireland*, some of which are indited of high Treason, for their rebellion there, notoriously known to have bin in a full Rebellion, as namely the *L. Taffe*, *S. John Dugane*, proclaimed a Rebell, *Col. Fitz Williams*, *Doctor Meara* indited for the Rebellion in *Ireland*, and fled for the same, and yet appointed Physician to *Prince Rupert*, and that his Majesty hath sent for the Petition of the Irish Rebels, which the Justices had stopt, with evident expression of favour to them, whereby that Kingdome is like to become an unfit habitation of any Protestants, and

a seminary of war and treason against this Kingdome.

That diverse English Traytors, actors in the former designs against the Kingdome and Parliament, are the chiefe Councillors and actors in this unnaturall warre against his Subiects, as the Lord Digby, *Oneale*, *Wilmot*, *Pollard*, *Ashburnham* and others.

That wee have bin likewise credibly informed, that diverse Jesuits, and Priests in foraigne parts, make great collections of money, for reliefe of the papists in Ireland, and the furthering of his Majesties designs here against the Parliament, and that by them and some others, fled out of this Kingdome for Treason: great meanes are made to take up the differences betwixt some Princes of the Roman Religion, that so they might unite their strength, for the extirpation of the protestant Religion, wherein principally this Kingdome, and the Kingdome of *Scotland* are concerned, as making the greatest body of the Reformed Religion in Christendome, and best able to defend themselves, and succour other Churches.

For all which reasons we are resolved to enter into a solemne oath and Covenant with God, to give up our selves, our Lives and Fortunes into his hands, and that we wil to the uttermost of our power, and Judgement, maintaine his truth, and conforme our selves to his will. That wee will defend this cause with the hazard of our lives, against the Kings Army, and against all that shall joyne with them in prosecution of this wicked designe, according to the forme to be agreed upon by both Houses of Parliament, to be subscribed by our hands, and that we will for the same ends associate our selves, and unite with all the well affected in the City of London, and other parts of his Majesties Dominions.

That we expect our Brethren of *Scotland*, according to the act of pacification, whereby the two Kingdomes are mutually bound, to suppress all debates and differences, to the disturbance

disturbance of the publike peace, that they will helpe and assist us in defence of the Cause, which if the Popish partie prevaile, must needs either involve them in that alteration of Religion which will be made here, or ingage them in a War against this Kingdome, to defend their owne Religion and Liberty: And we doubt not but the God of Truth, and the great protector of his people, will assist and enable us in this our just defence, to restrain the malice and Fury of those that seeke our Ruine, and to secure the persons, estates, and liberties of all that ioyne with us: And to procure and establish the safety of Religion, and fruition of our Lawes and Liberties, in this and all other his Maiesties Dominions, which we doe here againe professe before the ever-living God, to be the chiefe end of all our Counsells and Resolutions, without any intention or desire to hurt or injure his Maiestie, either in his Person or iust Power,

FINIS.
